

# The Other WIC EBT



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# *Implementation of Cash Value Benefit for Fruits and Vegetables in Vermont's WIC Program*



## ***WIC in Vermont***

- 12 Health Department district offices
- Average of 16,500 participants/month
- 1977 mainframe MIS system
- Home delivery
- New food package

***New food package includes fruits and vegetables***

- Small dollar value benefit
- Wide variety of approved fruits & vegetables
- Maximum participant choice = increased consumption

***Given the requirements, Vermont  
could not “home deliver” fruits and  
vegetables***

# Choices

- Develop check/voucher system
- Use the current Vermont SNAP EBT system

- WIC uses SNAP contract with JP Morgan
- Separate *card*, but same EBT system
- WIC mainframe uploads new households & benefits every night
- Cards are produced by Vermont SNAP agency & mailed to families the next morning

## **Vermont WIC EBT Transaction**

- Participant places WIC items first
- Participant shows card to cashier
- Participant swipes card and enters PIN
- Cashier scans/rings up authorized foods
- Participant approves total
- Cashier gives receipt to participant

## **Because WIC is piggy-backing on the food stamp EBT system . . .**

- Participants use the “Food Stamp” or “EBT” key.
- Receipts and messages say “Food Stamps” for balances, etc, but transaction is actually using the WIC account and balance.



## **Payment**

- Daily clearing statement posted on FIS website
- Coded for payment by WIC staff every morning
- FIS paid by wire transfer at 10 am daily

## **Reports**

- Financial
- Transaction summaries & details
- Participant actions
- Aggregate benefits added, aggregate balance of benefits available

## Questions or more info

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